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German reference 19 84 146 discloses a cross-beam and a process for manufacture thereof. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed.

German reference 29 43 773 discloses an arrangement for connecting two pipes of different diameter. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available.

German reference 42 32 846 discloses a cross-member for a motor vehicle dashboard. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English language abstract thereof is enclosed.

The present invention defines a specific connecting element for hollow sections of different cross-section which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

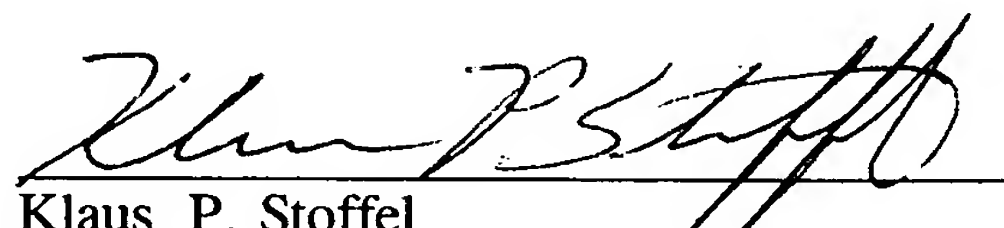
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